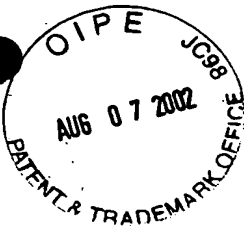


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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action of February 7, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-5, 8-12, 21 and 22.

Please add the following new claims:

24. (New) An adsorbent comprising a pulverulent rubber and at least one carbon black selected from the group consisting of a furnace black, a gas black, a flame black and

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